

JANUARY 31, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WASHINGTON, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported the following bill;

## **A BILL**

**Making appropriation for the support of the penitentiary for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.**

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*  
3       in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation of  
4       eighteen hundred and thirty-six, now subject to the order of the  
5       inspectors, there shall be, and hereby is, appropriated for the sup-  
6       port of the penitentiary for the District of Columbia, for the  
7       year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven: For pay of officers and  
8       agents; for repairs to buildings; for purchase of raw materials;  
9       for rations, clothing, beds, and bedding of prisoners; for purchase  
10      of fuel; for purchase of hospital stores and medicines; for pur-  
11      chase of books and stationery; for purchase of horse feed; for  
12      allowance to discharged convicts; and for other contingent ex-  
13      penses, the sum of twelve thousand five hundred and five dollars  
14      and thirty-nine cents, to be paid out of any money in the trea-  
15      sury not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the  
16      direction of the Board of Inspectors.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Board of In-  
 2    spectors shall be, and they are hereby, authorized, whenever they  
 3    may think the public interest requires it, to appoint an agent for  
 4    the purchase of all supplies and articles required for the use of  
 5    the penitentiary, and for the sale of all articles manufactured at  
 6    the said penitentiary.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, whenever the Board  
 2    of Inspectors shall appoint an agent, as aforesaid, they shall re-  
 3    quire him to execute a bond to the United States, in the sum of  
 4    five thousand dollars, with good and sufficient security, to be ap-  
 5    proved by the inspectors, for the faithful discharge of his duties  
 6    as agent aforesaid, and to secure a proper accountability of all  
 7    moneys and property committed to his charge; and which said  
 8    agent shall settle his accounts monthly with the Board of In-  
 9    spectors.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all the inferior  
 2    officers of the penitentiary shall hereafter be nominated by the  
 3    warden, and confirmed by the Board of Inspectors; and no offi-  
 4    cer shall be discharged by the warden, without the concurrence  
 5    of a majority of the inspectors.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the inspectors who  
 2    served during the years eighteen hundred and twenty-nine and  
 3    eighteen hundred and thirty shall be allowed and paid the same  
 4    compensation for those two years as is now allowed to the in-  
 5    spectors of the penitentiary.

1        **SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,*** That the secretary to the  
2    **Board of Inspectors** shall be allowed and paid the sum of two  
3    **hundred dollars per annum**, to commence from the date of his  
4    **appointment**, for keeping the books, records, and papers of the  
5    **inspectors**, as required by law.